



## The Two Children

By David Ovason

Lindisfarne Books. Paperback. Condition: New. 468 pages. Dimensions: 9.1in. x 6.1in. x 1.1in. There is a long forgotten spiritual tradition that two children, both named Jesus, were born in Bethlehem to two sets of parents named Joseph and Mary. This tradition is supported by the different accounts of the nativity and life of Jesus Christ in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Although the Church chose to ignore this tradition, something of it survived in early Christian art and symbolism. The full tradition was preserved only in the literature of such esoteric sects as Gnosticism, which remained outside the official teachings of institutionalized Christianity. In *The Two Children*, David Ovason explores the literature in which this tradition has been preserved, particularly in ancient Hebrew, Aramaic, Coptic, and Greek manuscripts such as the scrolls that were discovered at Qumram near the Dead Sea and the ancient codices at Chenoboskion (Nag Hammadi) in Upper Egypt. He also explores other fascinating and apocryphal texts that refer to the Two Children, which were later expunged or glossed over by Church apologists. Besides these documents, there were also visual traces of the teaching of the Two Children as it reemerged and became popular through early fifteenth-century...

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